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Things certainly do not look as well in some of the Southern States as we could wish. Governor Brownlow takes an extreme view of the situation. He says there is as much "disloyalty now in Middle Tennessee as there was in 1861, and that this is so of the whole South minus the number of disloyal men who are under ground!" But Governor Brownlow is constitutionally inclined. He can hardly take a moderate view of anything; and we feel sure that his ardent feelings lead him to an extreme view of the situation. He says there is as much "disloyalty now in Middle Tennessee as there was in 1861, and that this is so of the whole South minus the number of disloyal men who are under ground!" But Governor Brownlow is constitutionally inclined. He can hardly take a moderate view of anything; and we feel sure that his ardent feelings lead him to an extreme view of the situation. He says there is as much "disloyalty now in Middle Tennessee as there was in 1861, and that this is so of the whole South minus the number of disloyal men who are under ground!"

We have been laboring in our humble way to impress upon our friends and readers in the Southern States the great necessity which existed and still exists in the Southern States to return to the Union, and to return to their allegiance as citizens of the United States, and to manifest this by a cordial and unreserved endorsement and support of the measures of the President.

We are perfectly aware that men may cavil at this, that they can find excuses and reasons for something like an opposite course. Men can cavil at anything. Ingenuous pleaders can find excuses which they may be in support of almost any cause or course. We may be asked if the Southern people must conform to the President's policy, and we are absolutely answerable in the negative. It is absolutely necessary to every great extent from the very nature of the circumstances. It cannot be otherwise. He is the Chief Magistrate of the Republic, and must execute the laws as he finds them. His position gives him, besides, immense moral and political influence. Southern politicians took up arms against the Government, and dragged the Southerners people into the bloody vortex. Force was used by force, and the insurgents were beaten. The leaders were held responsible. They therefore admit they did wrong. The President represents a victor. Under the old forms of government he could impose such terms upon the vanquished as he might please, being responsible only to his God, to his conscience, and to the moral sense of mankind. But ours is a constitutional government, dissoluble by the power which created it only—by the consent and act of the whole people of the United States. He therefore takes the ground that he is responsible, that he is responsible which attempted to divide their country with the United States, and did so legally; that they are now and have always been in the Union, and that, though the insurgents may have technically forfeited their rights by an attempt at revolution, yet that the President does not wish to deprive them of such rights, and will not provide them with the armament of the acts of Southern Legislatures to be considered "invalid." Now he must necessarily be the judge to a great extent of the nature of the acts of the Southern Legislatures, and to evince evidence of returning loyalty, upon which he will remit the penalties incurred by an effort to resist the Constitution and laws of the United States. He is not bound in reason or right to remit these penalties to men or to persons who do not heartily and truly acknowledge their allegiance as members of the Commonwealth; and Mr. Bradford has a perfect right to tell all persons to revolt if they think that they did wrong, that they did not do it in accordance with the principles and wise counsels as to the importance of the agricultural interests of the South. They are inseparably identified with the prosperity and power of the Commonwealth; and Mr. Bradford would have the men who are in authority over us to exert their influence, as did Augustus when ruler of the Roman Empire, to develop all the agricultural resources of the State. He suggests with great propriety that, hereafter, the county fairs should be held before the State fairs, and that the State fairs should be held in the County fairs, where all the stockmen and agriculturists can meet, and conduct mechanical instruments, &c., which might be sold for the use of the agricultural interests of the South. They must exhibit evidence of loyalty. If they determine that they will not do this they must abide the consequences. They either leave the country or consent to remain without the rights which loyal citizens may properly claim.

What shall be done? It may be asked of all, and we are the present, the citizens with their franchises, privileges, and franchises. As proper evidence of loyalty, the President says that they effect certain alterations in the organic laws of their States and comply officially and cordially with the laws and proclamations made by the law-making and executive powers of the Government; that they conform to existing facts, which, beyond controversy, the war established and made real. Specifically, the Executive says the States lately in revolt, as proof of their loyalty, to propose to adopt the Constitution, and to adopt the Amendment, to declare that they will not attempt to force loyal citizens residing within them to pay debts contracted to carry on a war against the Government to which they now profess loyalty, to make their laws accord with these fundamental conditions, and do all these in good faith.

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STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—On our first page this morning we publish a letter from Mr. J. Bradford, the distinguished President of the Kentucky State Agricultural Society, announcing that the annual meeting of the Society will be held in Frankfort, at the Agricultural Room, on the 13th of next month, for the purpose of electing a board of officers to act during the coming year. Mr. Bradford, in his able and forcible speech, advised the members of the Society, which attempted to divide their country with the United States, never did so legally; that they are now and have always been in the Union, and that, though the insurgents may have technically forfeited their rights by an attempt at revolution, yet that the President does not wish to deprive them of such rights, and will not provide them with the armament of the acts of Southern Legislatures to be considered "invalid."

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 3 A. M.

#### THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

CONSTITUTIONAL UNION.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 19.

The war that engrossed our fields with the blood of brothers, and pierced the bosoms of our enemies with the anguish of grief, in o'er past; and peace—gentle peace—"hath spread her balm wing's" o'er all our beloved land.

We this day rejoice in peace returned, the Union saved, and the Government restored.

A kind Providence has added the blessing of abundant wealth.

We may well say, "There comest the year with thy strength, and the path danceth."

"The scenes are clothed with books, the valleys are covered with corn; they shout for joy; they also sing."

THURSDAY, THE 10th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1863, has been set apart, by proclamation of the President of the United States, as a day of National Thanksgiving. Let us all the citizens of Kentucky unite in keeping and observing the day accordingly. "Lift up your hands in the Sanctuary and bless the Lord."

Given under my hand, and the seal of State, at the Executive Office, in Frankfort, November 19, 1863. THOS. K. BRAMFITT, Gov.

By the Governor—E. L. VAN WINKLE,

Secretary of State.

MEETING OF SOLDIERS AT TURNER HALL.

A large number of Kentucky soldiers met at Turner Hall yesterday afternoon.

On the non-slaveholding side in the papers of the city, the meeting was attended by four thousand soldiers chiefly.

The object of the convention was to take further action in behalf of the Kentucky volunteers of 1861 and 1862, with a view to obtaining for them the same bounty provided for troops enlisted at later periods. General Rosecrans was expected to address the meeting, but failed to be present.

The standing committee, appointed at a previous meeting, was instructed to wait upon the executive committee and a special meeting was called for the 20th.

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